GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district under the provisions of Rule 20 of AP Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 605 **Dated: 01-11-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.20 (783/V&E/Sec.II/D2/2017), dated:15.03.2019.
2. Govt. Memo. No.5739/Vig.VI/2019, dated:19.10.2019, 08.01.2020, 26.11.2021, 13.12.2021, 24.12.2021, 08.07.2022.
3. From the Commissioner, PR & RD, Guntur, letter No.1020670/CPR&RD/VIG/2019, dated:07.07.2022.
4. Govt. Memo. No.5739/Vig.VI/2019, dated:08.09.2022.
5. From the Commissioner, PR&RD, Guntur, letter No.1020670/CPR&RD/VIG/2019, dated:24.05.2023.
6. Govt. Memo. No.5739/Vig.VI/2019, dated:26.08.2023.
7. Revised Draft Article of charges of Nagarjuna Srinivasa Rao, MPDO and N.Avinash Dev, Junior Assistant received through the e-file bearing computer No.894967.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then Assistant Engineer, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of his defence.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall being or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then Assistant Engineer, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure- I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, the then AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, erstwhile Krishna district (w.e) through the Managing Director, APSHCL, AP, Vijayawada
The Managing Director, APSHCL, AP, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)
Copy to
The GA(V&E) Dept.

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A N N E X U R E – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.R.H. VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN AE, APSHCL, CHANDARLAPADU, ERST WHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT

Charge1: That Sri K.R.H. Vidyasagar, while working as AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu has failed to discharge his duties and recorded M-Books and recommended for payment of Rs.21,000/- for old existing IHHLs of Sri Savalam Kondaiah (Rs.6,000/-) and Smt. Chikkala Seshamma (Rs.15,000/-) of Konayapalem(v), thereby causing loss to the Government exchequer.

Charge2: Sri K.R.H.Vidyasagar, while working as AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu, has failed to discharge his duties and recorded M-Books and recommended for payment of 2nd bill of Rs.9,000/- without completing construction of IHHL of Smt. Markapudi Tirupathamma of Konayapalem(v) and thereby causing loss to the Government Exchequer.

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A N N E X U R E – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.R.H.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN AE, APSHCL, CHANDARLAPADU, ERST WHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT

As per the Vigilance report No 20(783/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2017) dated 15.03.2019 of GA(V&E) Dept, the V&E department officials inquired into the allegations on the irregularities committed by MPDO, Jr. Asst, O/o MPDO and other officers during construction of IHHLs under swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)/MGNREGS based on the petition dt:27.09.2023 received from Sri Mokkapati Narasimha, Chandarlapadu (V) & (M), Krishna District. The V&E officials have obtained information on IHHLS constructed during the period from April 2015 to October 2017 in the 5 villages, i.e, Chandarlapadu, Kadavatikallu, Konayapalem, Thotaravulapadu, Turlapadu from the MPDO of Chandarlapadu.

Out of the 2031 IHHLs constructed in the above 05 villages, the V&E officials along with concerned Revenue and Mandal Praishad officers have conducted field verification randomly during November 2017 covering 110 IHHLS (about 5%) who said to have received payment through online. The officials have enquired and recorded the statement of the beneficiaries and NGOs/contractors said to have been received payments in the name of beneficiaries and AES/AEES/TAs of MGNREGS, who recorded M-Books and recommended payments and the MPDO of chandarlapadu, who made payments. During the verification of record and field inspections of 110 IHHLs, irregularities are observed in 21 IHHLS.

Out of the 21 IHHLS, it was observed during the enquiry that the then MPDO Sri N Srinivasa Rao has paid Rs 1,41,000/- to the beneficiaries NGOS/Contractors without constructing the IHHLS; Rs.93,000/- in the name of construction of 8 new IHHLS, which are old existing IHHLS;Rs.27,000/- in the construction in 3 IHHLS sanctioned in the name of beneficiaries without completion of the work.

Sri K.R.H.Vidyasagar, AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu recorded M-Books and recommended for payments for 1st bill on completion of basement level for Rs.6,000/- each to Sri. Savalam Kondaiah and Smt. Chikkala Seshamma and for 2nd bill on completion of IHHL for Rs.9,000/- to Smt. Chikkala Seshamma.

During the enquiry on examination, the beneficiary Sri Savalam Kondaiah, S/o Veeraiah, has stated that he applied for new IHHL under SBM and received Rs.15,000/- from the Govt., in two spells on 02.07.2016 & 03.07.2016, but he has taken up repairs to existing old latrine by utilising the amount.

Smt. Chikkala Seshamma, W/o David has stated that she received

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Rs.15,000/- on 02.07.2016 & 06.10.2016 from the government as she applied for sanction of new IHHL but taken up repairs including increasing the height of walls to the old existing latrine with the above amount.

Sri K.R.H.Vidyasagar, AE, APSHCL, Chandarlapadu recorded M-Books and recommended for payment of 2nd bill of Rs.9,000/- without completing construction of IHHL of Smt. Markapudi Tirupathamma of Konayapalem(v).

During enquiry, on examination the beneficiary Smt. Markapudi Tirupathamma, W/o Venkaiah, has stated that Guthikonda Sri Rama Murthy @RamBabu has taken up digging of latrine pits and other small works but the work was stopped subsequently and she has not received any amount from Government, for the said construction. On examination, Sri Rama Murthy Contractor, has stated that he has taken up construction of IHHL for Markapudi Tirupathamma. Though he supplied all the required material to the workers they have not completed the construction and he received 2nd bill of Rs. 9,000/- on 26.08.2016 for the said latrine from MPDO, which is still in incomplete stage.

From the above, it is evident that he recommended for payment of Rs. 30,000/- to two beneficiaries, who have taken up repairs to the existing old IHHLs and Rs.9,000/ to the contractor without completion of the IHHL deviating from the guidelines.

Thus he failed to perform his legitimate duties and shown gross negligence and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

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A N N E X U R E – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI K.R.H.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN AE, APSHCL, CHANDARLAPADU, ERST WHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. From the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.20 (783/V&E/Sec.II/D2/2017), dated 15.03.2019.
2. UO Note No.913232/VC/A1/2019-1, dt:02.07.2019.

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A N N E X U R E – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI K.R.H.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN AE, APSHCL, CHANDARLAPADU, ERST WHILE KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

-NIL-

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